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TAGS: EAIR, FR, UK, US

SUBJECT: CIVAIR: CONCORDE

REF: PARIS 33193

1. RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN US CONCERNING LANDING RIGHTS FOR CONCORDE HAVE AROUSED LOCAL FEELINGS IN TOULOUSE WHERE "AEROSPATIALE", THE CONCORDE PRODUCTION PLANT, IS LOCATED, DESPITE COMPLEXITY OF ISSUES INVOLVED, LOCAL PRESS AND PUBLIC OPINION ADOPTING SIMPLISTIC EXPLANATIONS FOR POSSIBLE REJECTION OF CONCORDE BY US. FOR EXAMPLE, WE HEAR ARGUMENTS THAT US AVIATION INDUSTRY IS "OUT TO GET" CONCORDE AND THAT ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS ARE MERELY A COVER FOR SOME SORT OF CONSPIRACY AGAINST THIS TECHNOLOGICAL ACHIEVEMENT BY FRANCE AND GREAT BRITAIN.

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OF COURSE, THIS SENTIMENT IS PREVELANT AMONG WORKERS IN

TOULOUSE, EXPECIALLY THOSE WHOSE JOB SECURITY IS DEPENDENT  
ON "AEROSPATIALE."

2. THE GRASSROOTS SENTIMENT WAS EXEMPLIFIED RECENTLY IN TWO  
SPECIFIC WAYS:

FIRST, THE REGIONAL PREFET DANIEL DOUSTIN TOLD ME LAST  
WEEK THAT IF TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY COLMAN'S DECISION  
IN EARLY FEBRUARY ON CONCORDE IS NEGATIVE, HE WOULD EXPECT,  
ACCORDING TO INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO HIM, LOCAL DEMON-  
STRATIONS IN TOULOUSE AND IN BORDEAUX AGAINST THE US  
CONSULATE GENERAL. ACCORDINGLY, HE HAS DECIDED TO ADOPT  
CONTINGENCY SECURITY MEASURES ON/ABOUT FEBRUARY 5.

3. SECOND, THE PRESIDENT OF THE FRANCE/ETATS-UNIS ASSOCIATION CHAPTER  
IN TOULOUSE INFORMED ME THAT IF US DECISION WAS NEGATIVE  
ON CONCORDE, IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO CLOSE DOWN THAT  
FRANCO-AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION IMMEDIATELY  
BECAUSE OF THE RESULTANT ANTI-AMERICAN POPULAR FEELING  
IN TOULOUSE. A LETTER TO THIS EFFECT IS BEING ADDRESSED  
BY THIS ASSOCIATION TO AMBASSADOR RUSH.

COMMENT: THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS REPORTED TO DEMONSTRATE  
THE INCREASING EMOTIONAL FEELING HERE IN THE SOUTHWEST OF  
FRANCE WHERE CONCORDE'S FUTURE HAS AN IMPORTANT IMPACT OF  
THE LOCAL ECONOMY. OF COURSE, A DISTINCTION MUST BE MADE  
BETWEEN LOCAL POPULAR ATTITUDES AS DESCRIBED ABOVE AND  
THE ATTITUDE OF THE RESPONSIBLE DIRECTORS OF "AEROSPATIALE"  
AND LOCAL OFFICIALS IN TOULOUSE WHO HAVE A MUCH MORE  
COMPREHENSIVE UNDERSTANDING OF ALL THE COMPLEX FACTORS  
INVOLVED IN THE US DECISION ON CONCORDE (SEE BORDEAUX'S  
133 AND PARIS REFTTEL).  
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